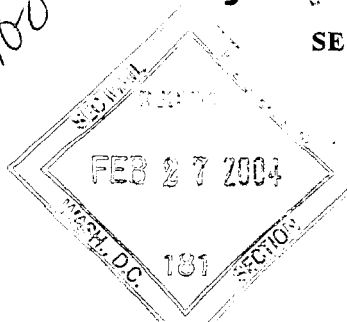


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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/03 AND ENDING 12/31/03  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: ~~MARK BUCIAK DBA~~ Mark Stephen Buciak  
DBA: MB FINANCIAL SERVICES

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FIRM I.D. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

87 SECRET LAKE ROAD

(No. and Street)

AVON

(City)

CT

(State)

06001

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

MARK BUCIAK

860-675-7723

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

DONALD T. OSTOP & COMPANY P.C.

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

790 FARMINGTON AVE

(Address)

FARMINGTON

(City)

CT

(State)

06032

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant
- ☐ Public Accountant
- ☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, MARK BUCIAK, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of MARK BUCIAK DBA MB FINANCIAL SERVICES, as of FEBRUARY 25, 20 04, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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Mike S. Bail  
Signature

Principal  
Title

Paul A. Oster

Notary Public

My Commission Expires Feb. 28, 2008

This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-3 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☐ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).



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Ellen A. Harris, CPA

Mark Buciak  
MB Financial Services

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Mark Buciak DBA MB Financial Services (Sole Proprietorship), for the year ended December 31, 2003, we considered its internal control structure including procedures for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the consolidated financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

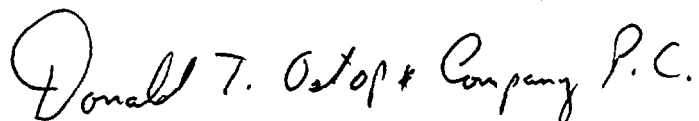
The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

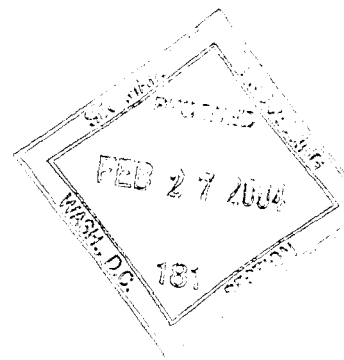
Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2003, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, NASD, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and should not be used for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald T. Ostop & Company P.C.".

Donald T. Ostop & Company P.C.  
Farmington, CT  
February 24, 2004



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARK BUCIAK  
DBA MB FINANCIAL SERVICES

DECEMBER 31, 2003

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Independent Auditor's Report

Mark Buciak  
DBA MB Financial Services  
Avon, Connecticut 06001

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Mark Buciak, DBA MB Financial Services (a sole-proprietorship) as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of income, changes in sole-proprietor's capital, comprehensive income, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the sole-proprietorship. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mark Buciak, DBA MB Financial Services at December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles, generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedule 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Donald T. Ostop & Company P.C.*

Farmington, Connecticut  
February 24, 2004

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

MARK BUCIAK

DBA MB FINANCIAL SERVICES

See Independent Auditor's Report

DECEMBER 31, 2003

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 7,690
Accounts Receivable	25
Securities owned:	
Not readily marketable, at estimated fair value	41,000
Computer, furniture, and equipment, at cost, \$6,500	
less accumulated depreciation of \$6,500	<u>---</u>
Total assets	<u>\$48,715</u>

SOLE-PROPRIETOR'S CAPITAL

Proprietor's capital	\$47,815
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>900</u>
Total sole-proprietor's capital	<u>\$48,715</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND CHANGES IN SOLE PROPRIETOR'S CAPITAL

MARK BUCIAK

DBA MB FINANCIAL SERVICES

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

REVENUE	
Commissions	\$ 1,711
Interest	<u>17</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 1,728</u>
EXPENSES	
NASD fees	\$ 477
Professional fees	1,150
Licenses	270
Professional development	185
Office expense	<u>10</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 2,092</u>
NET LOSS	\$ (364)
SOLE PROPRIETOR'S CAPITAL, Beginning	48,379
Contributions	---
Distributions	<u>(200)</u>
SOLE PROPRIETOR'S CAPITAL, Ending	<u>\$47,815</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

MARK BUCIAK

DBA MB FINANCIAL SERVICES

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2003

Net loss	\$ (364)
Other comprehensive income	
Unrealized gains on securities:	
Unrealized holding gains (losses) during period	---
Less: reclassification adjustment for gains (losses)	
included in net income	---
Total unrealized gains(losses)	---
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ (364)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
MARK BUCIAK  
DBA MB FINANCIAL SERVICES  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2003

DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash flows from operating activities:

Cash received from customers	\$ 1,686
Cash paid to suppliers	(2,092)
Interest income received	<u>17</u>
Net cash used for operating activities	<u>\$ (389)</u>

Cash flows from financing activities:

Distributions to proprietor	<u>(200)</u>
Net cash used for financing activities	<u>\$ (200)</u>

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents \$ (589)

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year 8,279

Cash and cash equivalents at end of year \$ 7,690

RECONCILIATION OF NET LOSS TO NET CASH  
USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net Loss	\$ (364)
Change in operating assets and liabilities	
Accounts receivable	<u>(25)</u>
Net cash used for operating activities	<u><u>\$ (389)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARK BUCIAK

DBA MB FINANCIAL SERVICES

DECEMBER 31, 2003

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounting policies followed by the proprietorship and the methods of applying those policies conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The policies, which materially affect the determination of financial position, cash flows, or results of operations, are summarized below.

#### NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Mark Buciak DBA MB Financial Services, a sole proprietorship, is a nonclearing broker dealer that does not have custody of client funds. MB Financial Services is a member of The National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). MB Financial Services provides broker dealer services to local clients. The majority of revenue is generated from fees charged from sale or exchange of securities. MB Financial Services started operations in 1997.

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that effect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying disclosures. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions the proprietorship may undertake in the future, actual results ultimately may differ from the estimates.

#### COMPUTER, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are valued at cost less accumulated depreciation. Provision for depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over a five year estimated life. Fixed assets consist of computer and other electronic office equipment. Depreciation expense for 2003 is \$-0-.

#### FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

The proprietorship itself is not a taxpaying entity for purposes of federal income taxes. Federal income taxes of the proprietor are computed on his total income from all sources; accordingly, no provision for income taxes is made in these statements.

#### CASH EQUIVALENTS

The proprietorship considers cash equivalents to be temporary investments, which are readily convertible to cash with maturities of less than three months.

#### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consists of sales commissions due from mutual fund companies, which are normally collected within thirty days.

#### SECURITIES

The company's securities investments that are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term are classified as trading securities. Trading securities are recorded at fair value on the balance sheet in current assets, with the change in fair value during the period included in earnings. Securities investments that the company has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity securities and recorded at amortized cost in investments and other assets. Securities investments not classified as either held-to-maturity or trading securities are classified as available-for-sale securities. Available-for-sale securities are recorded at fair value in investments and other assets on the balance sheet, with the change in fair value during the period excluded from earnings and recorded net of tax as a separate component of equity.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
MARK BUCIAK  
DBA MB FINANCIAL SERVICES  
DECEMBER 31, 2003

2. CASH

At December 31, 2003, the cash balance of \$7,690 was invested in a checking account.

3. MINIMUM NET CAPITAL

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Mark Buciak, DBA MB Financial Services was required to maintain a minimum net capital of \$5,000.00. Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2003 the proprietor had net capital of \$7,715 and the percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 0.00%. No material differences exist between this computation of net capital and the computation of net capital on the unaudited Form X-17a-5, Part IIA filing by Mark Buciak, DBA MB Financial Services.

4. OTHER COMMENTS

Mark Buciak, DBA MB Financial Services had no liabilities subordinated to claims of creditors at December 31, 2003.

There is no physical possession or control of securities requirements and there are no reserve requirements, pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, at December 31, 2003, as the company does not carry customer accounts.

A reconciliation with respect to methods of consolidation does not apply as the company is a sole proprietorship and has no subsidiaries.

5. RELATED PARTIES

Mark Buciak DBA MB Financial Services shares a home office with Mark Buciak DBA MB & Associates, a registered investment advisor company providing investment management services and insurance sales. An agreement between MB & Associates and MB Financial Services will have MB & Associates pay all occupancy costs associated with the office.

6. SECURITIES

At December 31, 2003 the company held the following securities:

	Fair Market Value	Unrealized Gains	Amortized Cost
Long-term <u>Available for Sale</u> Nasdaq stock & warrants	\$41,000	\$ 900	\$40,100

The Nasdaq stock and warrants have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and may only be sold in compliance with Rule 144 or an exemption from the registration requirements of Section 5 of the Securities Act. The securities are not readily marketable so the fair value is estimated using the Nasdaq Private Placement phase II subscription price. No dividend income was received for the year December 31, 2003

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MARK BUCIAK  
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DECEMBER 31, 2003

7. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BALANCE

Unrealized Gains  
on Securities

Beginning balance	\$ 900
Current-period change	<u>---</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 900</u>

The proprietorship itself is not a taxpaying entity for purposes of federal income taxes, therefore comprehensive income balances are not shown net of taxes.

8. CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

At the balance sheet date, December 31, 2003, Mark Buciak DBA MB Financial Services has a significant investment in Nasdaq stock and Nasdaq warrants.

Schedule 1

Mark Buciak DBA MB Financial Services  
Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the  
Securities and Exchange Commission

As of December 31, 2003

Net Capital

Total proprietor's capital qualified for net capital	\$48,715
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Deductions and/or charges:

Nonallowable assets:

Securities	<u>\$41,000</u>
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Net capital	<u>\$ 7,715</u>
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No material differences exist between this computation of net capital and the computation of net capital on the unaudited Form X-17a-5, Part IIA filing by Mark Buciak, DBA MB Financial Services.